


AMENDMENT


Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:


Kindly cancel claim 46, without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 4, 9-10, 26-27, 32, and 67 without prejudice, to read as follows:

b1  4. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 3, further comprising a third longitudinal stiffening beam positioned intermediate to said two longitudinal stiffening beams, with said third beam being so positioned as to provide ballast when filled, and wherein said longitudinal stiffening beams are fillable.

b2  9. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 7 wherein said at least one flexible circumferential stiffening beam is continuous.

10. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 7 wherein said at least one flexible circumferential stiffening beam is in sections.

b3  26. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 19 wherein the means for rendering the tubular structure impervious includes weaving the tubular structure with at least two materials, one being a reinforcing fiber, the other being a low melting fiber or low melting component of the reinforcing fiber such that a processing thereof causes the low melting fiber or component to fill a void in the fabric.

27. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 1 which includes at least two vessels positioned in a side by side relationship, a plurality of beam separators positioned between and coupled to said two vessels, said plurality of beam separators being made of flexible material and subject to pressurization and depressurization.

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32. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 30 wherein the reinforcing element along a longitudinal length and along a circumference of the tubular structure is taken from the group consisting essentially of: yarns of larger size than yarns that make up the majority of the tubular structure, yarns of higher specific strength than yarns that make up the majority of the tubular structure, rope and braid.

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67. (Amended) A flexible fluid containment vessel for the transportation and/or containment of cargo comprising a fluid or fluidisable material, said vessel comprising:
at least two elongated flexible tubular structures of woven seamless fabric;
means for rendering said tubular structures impervious to water and other fluids or fluidisable materials having a density less than that of salt water;
said tubular structures having a respective front end and a rear end;
means for sealing said respective front end and said rear end;
means for filling and emptying said vessel of cargo; and
means for connecting said tubular structures together in a series comprising a woven flat fabric woven seamless with said tubular structures and positioned there between.